

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: 12115 Falls Road Inventory Number: M: 29-67
Address: 12115 Falls Road Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Potomac Zip Code: 20854 County: Montgomery
USGS Quadrangle(s): Rockville
Property Owner: Naomi Scharf Tax Account ID Number: 00049780
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P069 Tax Map Number: FQ62
Project: Falls Road Hiker/Biker Trail Agency: Montgomery Co Dept of Public Works & Tr
Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Sarah Traum Date Prepared: 3/14/2005
Documentation is presented in: Montgomery County Historical Society
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staf ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

This property contains a one-story vernacular dwelling and a one-car garage. The frame house has a large rear addition. The historic core of the house measures four bays wide and two bays deep. The house stands on a concrete block foundation and is clad with vinyl siding. The side-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles and extends to cover a porch that stretches across the front (west) façade. This porch has a low brick closed rail with square wooden posts. The windows of this house are mostly one-over-one, double-hung sash, arranged singly or in pairs. One six-over-six, double-hung sash is found in each gable of the core. An exterior concrete block chimney is found on the north gable end. The rear addition is as wide as the core, but is set at an angle to the core, with the plan of the entire house forming an obtuse angle. This addition shares the core's vinyl-sided exterior and asphalt-shingle roof. A small shed roof porch with square wooden posts shelters an entry into this addition on the north elevation.

A one-car garage, sided with corrugated metal, is located north of the house. A gravel drive from Falls Road provides access to the property. Mature trees and shrubs dot the property.

Through the mid-twentieth century, the area around the south portion of Falls Road in Montgomery County, where this property is located, was focused on agriculture, with many small farms along the road. At the south end of Falls Road is the crossroads

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MHT Comments:

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community of Potomac (formerly Offutt's Crossroads). This community grew up in the early nineteenth century to serve the needs of local residents. Beginning in the mid-twentieth century, many of the small farms along Falls Road were purchased for subdivision for new housing developments (Sween and Offutt 1999:171).

According to tax records, this property was built in 1923. The first map evidence for this building is its appearance on the 1944 Rockville, MD.-VA. quadrangle (USGS 1944). The rear addition of this house dates to at least 1993 (Montgomery County Department of Technology Services 1993).

This building is not recommended eligible for listing in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places due to its lack of integrity of design and materials. The large rear addition has decreased this house's integrity of design, and the introduction of modern building materials, such as vinyl siding and the modern windows, have diminished this building's integrity of materials.

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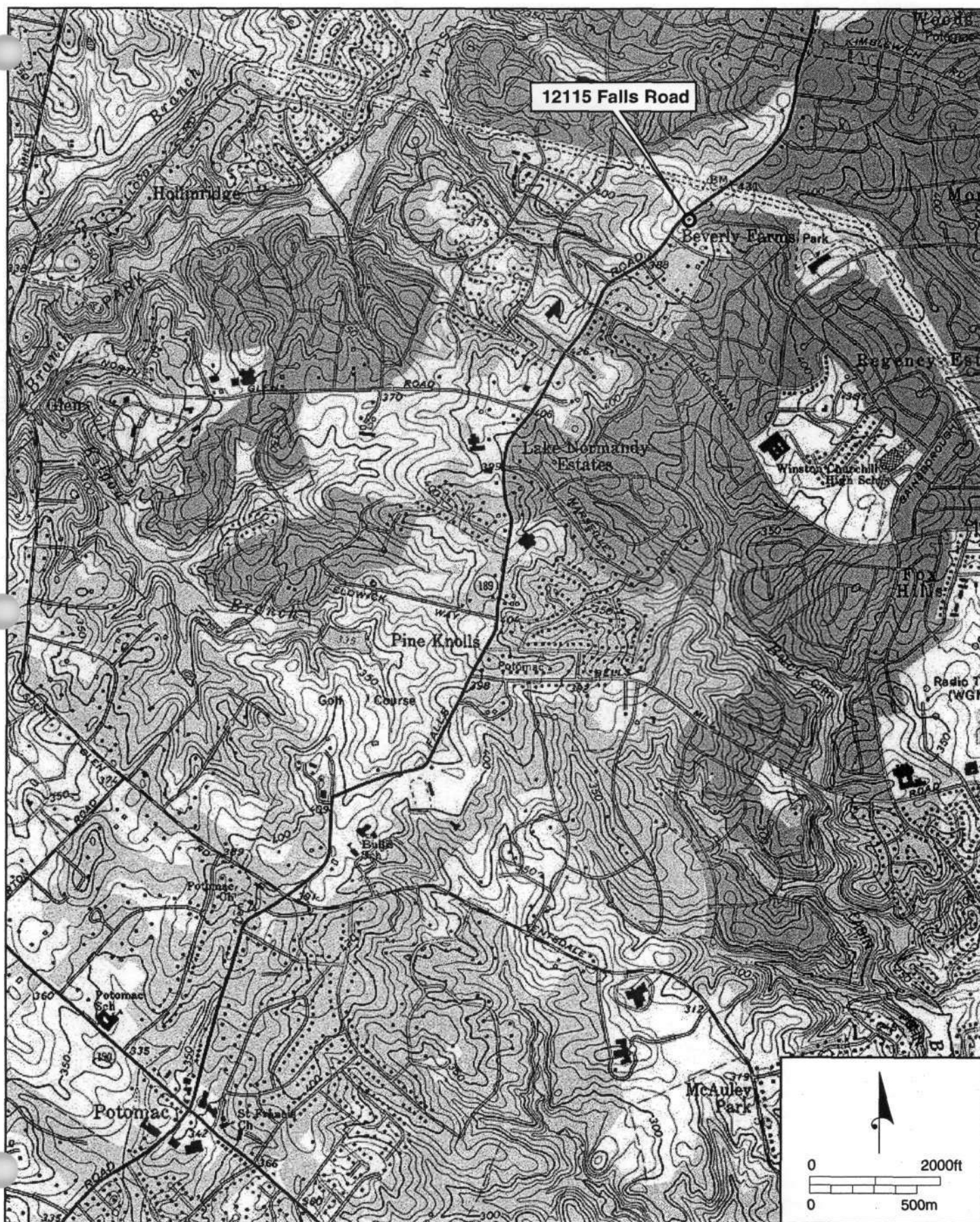
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Rockville, MD-VA. 7.5-minute quadrangle. Reston, VA:1984.

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